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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

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1. ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR MINGAZZINI WILL ATTEND JANUARY 21
DAC/CATEGORY I CONSULTATION IN PARIS. HE WILL ARRIVE AT 2
PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, AND WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH U.S.
DELEGATION IN LATE AFTERNOON, IF POSSIBLE. WE ARE GIVING
HIM, AND SENDING BY HIM FOR U.S. DELEGATION, UNLESS FURTHER
HITCHES DEVELOP, ADVANCE ISSUE OF REPORT OF 2ND MEETING OF
PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING IN ROME IN DECEMBER.

2. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER HAS CONVEYED TO MINGAZZINI U.S.
VIEWS ON VOTING PROCEDURES ON PERMANENT SITE FOR IFAD (PARA
3 REF B).

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3. AS FOR THE ISSUE OF LANGUAGES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
(PARA 4 REF B), WE HAVE HAD TALKS IN ROME WITH FRENCH AND
JAPANESE (REPORTED LATE LAST WEEK BY UNCLASSIFIED MEMCON TO
SELECTED MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION TO 2ND PREPCOM) THAT
INDICATE FRENCH MAY NOT PRESS THIS QUESTION, OR WHICH MAY BE
USEFUL IF THEY DO. AMBASSADOR TOFFIN, FRENCH PERMANENT REPRE-
SENTATIVE TO FAO, CHECKED WITH US TO SAY THAT PREPARATORY

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AL-SUDEARY DID NOT PLAN FOR ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE APRIL PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING IN TEHRAN. DUE TO RUSH AND CONFUSION IN CLOSING HOURS OF 2ND MEETING, AND LACK OF OFFICIAL REPORT ON IT, IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO MOST OF US WHERE THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN LEFT. MIYAMOTO OF JAPANESE EMBASSY, OUR ONLY LOCAL PARTICIPANT IN BOTH LEGAL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS ON THIS QUESTION, SAYS THAT BRACKETED (NOT FULLY AGREED) ALTERNATIVES WERE ADDED TO ARTICLE 26 OF DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD, EITHER AT OPENING OR END OF PARTICLE, THAT WOULD STATE THAT THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE BOARD WOULD BE ARABIC, ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SPANISH. LEFT INDISTURBED AND WITHOUT BRACKETS WAS THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, PERMITTING THE BOARD TO PRESCRIBE GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION. WE CONVEYED THIS TO TOFFIN. AND THIS SEEMED TO SATISFY HIM, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE SAID THAT CHAIRMAN AL-SUDEARY HAD SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RE-OPEN THE QUESTION IN TEHRAN IF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS DESIRED TO WORK OUT SOME FURTHER COMPROMISE BEFORE THE DRAFT PROCEEDS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ITSELF. TOFFIN SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THIS SITUATION, AND WE ARE SURE HE INFORMED HIS GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE IS ON VACATION THIS WEEK. (THE ONLY ROME PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARIS CONSULTATION THAT WE KNOW OF ARE AMBASSADOR HUGO BAEYENS, BELGIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, AND OF COURSE MINGAZZINI, WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE SECOND PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING.)VOLPE

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